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Attached for your information and retention are four reports dealing
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Object 15 of the Wismut Corporation in Freiberg

Early 1950 to May 1950

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1. Prospecting operations in the Nossen (N 52/K 98) - Klingenberg (N 51/F 07) - Lichtenberg (N 51/K 96) area are said to have been successful.
2. The sorting plant of Object 15 was closed on 1 March 1950.
3. The mine installations of the David Mine were transferred to the VEB Non-ferrous-Metal Association. A similar measure was rumored to have been taken at the Himmelsfuerst Mine.
4. In February 1950 the Mining Academy had about 2,500 students. The staff of teachers was increased by 30.
5. Dr. Oelscher, (fnu) was relieved from his post in the Research Institute in October 1949 and transferred to a minor position in Object 15.
6. According to another source Object 6 in Freital was abolished and the Freital District was taken over by Object 15 in Freiberg. *

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* **Comment.** A decline in the work force in the Freiberg and Freital area was indicated in the fall of 1948, as it is probable that Objects 6 and 15 were merged. Object 6 was not mentioned in the FDJ instructions for the Wismut Corporation on the Whitsuntide Rally in Berlin. The information on the return of the Himmelsfuerst and David Mines has not been confirmed. The David Mine has been known to be the most productive mine of Object 15. In the instructions on the Whitsuntide Rally, dated early March, the David Mine was still listed as assigned to the Wismut Corporation. So far only the Himmelsfahrtsfundgrube was mentioned as part of the VVB (Z) of the Mah Department Nonferrous Metals.

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Shipments of Uranium Ore ConcentratesOctober 1949

1. The uranium ore produced in the mine installations near Breitenbrunn was shipped first to Johanngeorgenstadt and from there to the Aue uranium dressing plant. The material was ground and washed in the Aue ore dressing plant and later sorted into boxes and shipped to Orsk in the U.S.S.R.
2. Orsk is the terminal of the Emba-Orsk oil pipe line. A large new industrial center was built near Orsk in 1940. The most important Orsk industrial plants were a new large power plant, a large locomotive plant, a large crude oil refinery and, allegedly, the largest nickel plant in the U.S.S.R. *

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Comment. It is not possible to check these indications as they are only based on general conversations.

Breitenbrunn has its own ore dressing plant. According to the report Object 100 would be a wet-mechanical dressing plant. No information is available on the possible shipment of uranium ore concentrates to Orsk. So far the rail shipments were always directed only to the border station of Brest-Litovsk.

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Mine Installations of the Wismut Corporation, Object 28 near Geerlitz

24 April to 4 May 1950

1. Prospecting operations, north of Geerlitz (O 52/B 01), at the southern road leading to the village of Klingenswalde, had ended. The construction of mine installations could be seen. Local inhabitants said that mining installations were established near Oberludwigsdorf, north of Geerlitz and Kunnewitz, southwest of Geerlitz.
2. In the area around Zittau (O 51/A 97) drilling derricks with temporary power installations were by the Zittau-Johnsdorf narrow-gauge railroad line, beginning 3 to 4 km from Johnsdorf. Local residents said that the entire area surrounding Johnsdorf is being explored by radiologists. Several buildings were already raised to make room for the installation of mines. The workers' settlement of the Wismut Corporation was at the southern outskirts of Johnsdorf. On 30 April 1950 similar derricks were observed near Oybin and it was learned that all hotels in Oybin were requisitioned to house about 300 workmen of the Wismut Corporation.
3. Closely west of the Loebau (O 52/A 80) railroad station was a mine installation with a cableway crossing the railroad line. It could not be determined whether this is a uranium ore mine. Radiologists were working in the surroundings of Georgewitz northeast of Loebau. Ditches were being excavated. *

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Comment: The report agrees with previous information on uranium ore processing activities in the Geerlitz-Zittau-Loebau area. See [redacted]. The new Object 28 of the Wismut Corporation has been confirmed by the original records attached to another report.

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Prospecting for Uranium Ore Near WernigerodeMarch 1950

1. The Wismut Corporation, Object 27, is in Wernigerode (# 52/D 16). The main administration building is at 7 Feldstrasse in Wernigerode, telephone number 3067. Lieutenant Kattashov, (fmu), is the commanding and political officer and the German chief of personnel is one Schulz, (fmu).
2. The location of the prospecting sites in Object 27 are:

west of the Dreiannenhohne Railroad Station, 10 minutes walk from the station. Three mines are here. Two mines are in another section west of Elend, in a stripped section of a forest, 20 minutes walk from the Braunlage-Elend-Wernigerode highway. Parts of Object 27 are south of Wernigerode in the Muehlen and Treck Valley and south-west of Wernigerode in the Nessel Valley.

3. On 25 March 1950 the work force totaled 987 men and women. The workers were quartered in Wernigerode, Kibingrode, Elend and Dreiannenhohne. All inns and hotels in these localities were booked. Workers were also quartered in hotels and private homes in all villages in a 1 km semicircle north of Wernigerode.
4. Prospecting was being done in all mining areas. Three-meter deep ditches were dug. Ore samples were tested by radiologists. The first mines were sunk in the Dreiannenhohne mining region and mining had already started at two sites. All underground work was exposed to water influx which could not be controlled because of the shortage of pumping installations. *

* Comment. [redacted] confirmed most of the information contained in this report. He also indicated four drilling sites west and southwest of Wernigerode in January 1950. See 1x, 2x, 3x, and 4x of Annex. At that time 200 men were reportedly employed at the main drilling site near Dreiannenhohne. See Annex for sketch showing location of prospecting activities.

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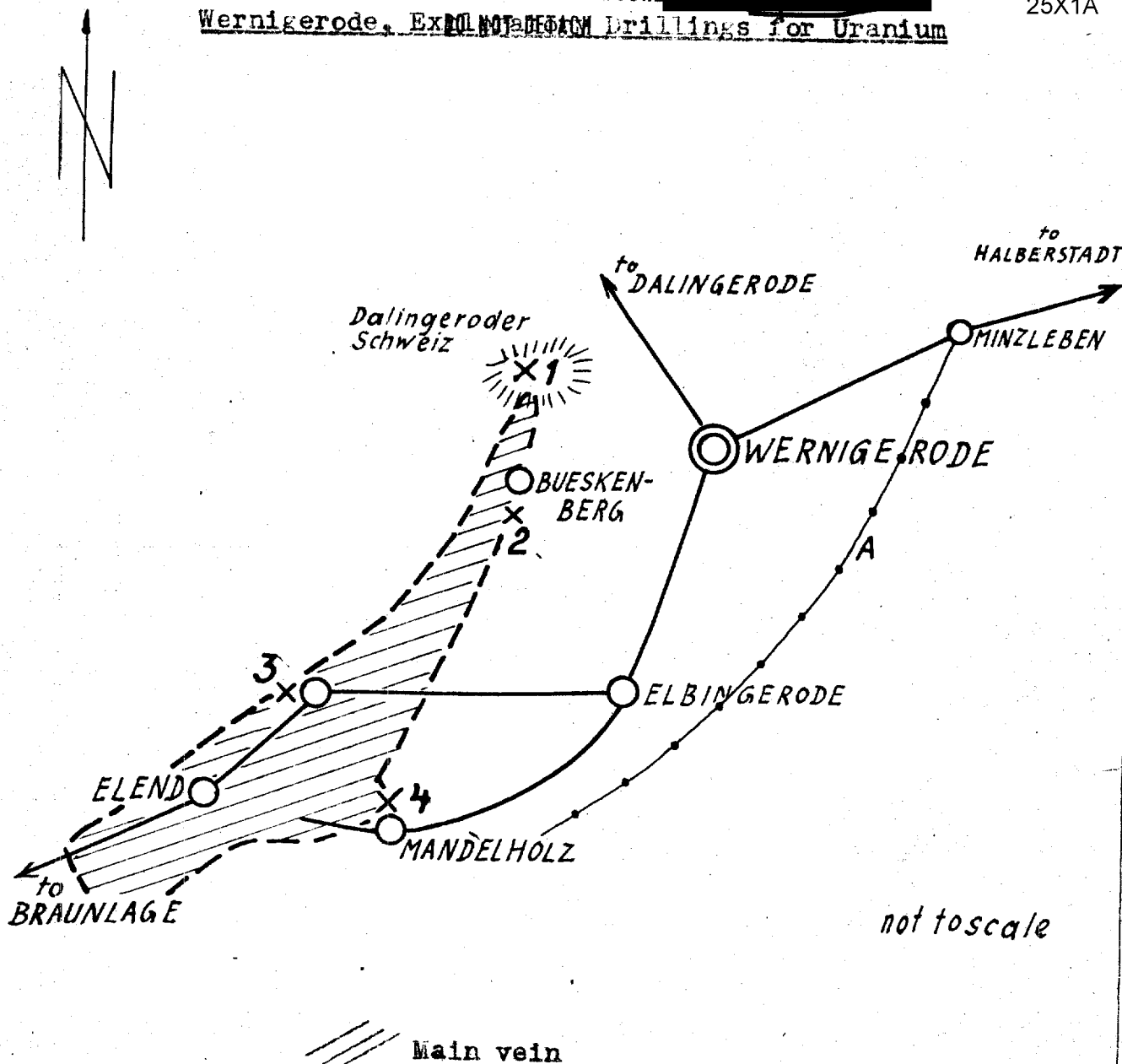
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